

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A communications system, which is configured such that when a transmitting side transmits a character and its action designated by the transmitting side to a receiving side, the designated character performs the designated action on a screen on the receiving side,

wherein when the receiving side receives character information for designating a character and action information for designating an action of the character, a file related to the action of the character is selected from information recorded on the receiving side and is executed; and

wherein communications are performed via an administrator server and that when the receiving side is not ready to receive the character message that is transmitted from the transmitting side via the administrator server, the administrator server converts the text message into an electronic mail, attaches the character information and the action information to the electronic mail as attachments and transmits the electronic mail to the receiving side.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The communication system according to claim 1 or 2, A~~
communications system, which is configured such that when a transmitting side transmits a character and its action designated by the transmitting side to a receiving side, the designated character performs the designated action on a screen on the receiving side; and

wherein when the receiving side receives character information for designating a character and action information for designating an action of the character, a file related to

the action of the character is selected from information recorded on the receiving side and is executed; and

wherein an image of the character displayed on the receiving side temporarily suspends action of the character while the text message is being displayed in a message box and then resumes its action after the message box is dismissed.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The communications system according to any one of claims 2 to 4~~ A communications system, which is configured such that when a transmitting side transmits a character message comprising character information for designating a character, action information for designating an action of the character and a text message to a receiving side, a screen on the receiving side having received the character message displays a motion picture of the character together with the text message; and

wherein communications are performed via an administrator server and that when the receiving side is not ready to receive the character message that is transmitted from the transmitting side via the administrator server, the administrator server converts the text message into an electronic mail, attaches the character information and the action information to the electronic mail as attachments and transmits the electronic mail to the receiving side.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~The communications system according to any one of claims 2 to 5~~ A communications system, which is configured such that when a transmitting side transmits a character message comprising character information for designating a character, action information for designating an action of the character and a text message to a receiving

side, a screen on the receiving side having received the character message displays a motion picture of the character together with the text message; and

wherein ~~the character~~ an image of the character displayed on the receiving side temporarily suspends its action of the character while the text message is being displayed in a message box and then resumes its action after the message box is dismissed.

7-27. (Canceled)